

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: LC-403368_500.jpg_e_1348817600.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

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Medium: Computer Image File Printout

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 02 May 2013

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 02 May 2013

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the printout is of a naked girl who appears to be young teenager. She is posed for the camera in a way allows her developing breasts to be the focus. The purpose of the image is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young people, particularly young teenage girls. The computer file encourages this sexual interest.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.